

Springerville Town Council  
Minutes  
November 4, 2009  
6:00 p.m.

Council: Mary Nedrow Mayor, Bill Lucas and Ron Thebeau

Excused: Phelps Wilkins

Staff: Steve West Town Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk, Tim Shaffery Legal Counsel, Larisa Bogardus Community Development.

Public: Kevin Burk, Ron Cavanaugh, Buster Madariaga, Barbara Gerres, Becki Christensen Chamber Director and Linda Martin.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Nedrow.
2. Linda Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Participation: Town Manager West advised the council and public present that the public participation portion of the agenda had been changed to state that this was the time to discuss non-agenda items and it will be up to the Chair who may or may not allow public comment on agenda items and holding it to no more than 3 minutes per person pro or con. There was no other public participation.

4. Manager, Council and Chamber Reports:

Linda Martin introduced the new Chamber Director Becki Christensen from Aztec, N.M. with 5 years experience with the Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Christensen addressed the Council briefly giving information on her background experience and education. She said she received her Bachelor's degree in Marketing and is working on her Master's.

Councilman Lucas reported on the October 14, 2009 planning and zoning meeting stating the commission is looking at updating the code with regard to parking, reviewing Conditional Use Permits for a U-Haul business, request for a taller fence that the code allows on Tumbling T Drive, and Main Street Bar & Grill has requested tables outside that was moved to November, and are discussing easements and minor land divisions.

Town Manager West reported that the Towns of Springerville and Eagar have joint together to have an event for the National Christmas Tree. Eagar has requested the assistance of the Council to help serve hot chocolate and pie. He asked that they let us know so we can post it in case there is a quorum present.

Mr. West also briefed on the council on estimates on the State's funding regarding our Urban Revenue Sharing which is a portion of our general fund will be reduced again by \$65,500. This is reduction of \$111,000 over the last two years. We are looking at ways to reduce our budgets internally. We expect our HURF revenues to come down and sales tax revenues is at about 31% at 34% of the year. He advised the council that in talking to some of the power plant executives they are expecting to start their project right after the first of the year.

Town Manager West also reminded the council and public that candidates packets for the spring election will be available on the 9<sup>th</sup> with 3 seats open.

5. Consent Items:

Bill Lucas/Ron Thebeau motion to approve the October 21, 2009 council meeting minutes.

Discussion: None  
Vote:

Ayes:

Mary Nedrow  
Bill Lucas  
Ron Thebeau

6. Old Business: None

7. Tourism Tax Committee: Town Manager West explained that over the last 2 years the Chamber has requested and received funding from the Tourism Tax. Buster and some of the committee members have concerns regarding drawing \$10,000 which is 50% of what they have. The proposal administration has is that it be paid in two stipends of \$5,000 each.

Mr. Madariaga stated they were okay with this but had concerns that when the economy comes back up this committee would be looked at as a source of funding for the Chamber. They were under the impression that the Town would fund the Chamber and they would fund tourism events. They would go ahead and approve \$5,000 and then review it again mid-year on the status. He reiterated his concern that should the economy improve the Town fund the Chamber and not look at this committee as a source of funding.

Councilman Lucas asked the Chamber if they could come up with putting a value of the Chamber. Is there a way to measure the value of the Chamber?

Director Becki Christensen said she would bring facts to the council and answer questions in the future after she gets familiarized with the chamber.

Bill Lucas/Ron Thebeau motion to approve a 1 time \$5,000 payment to the Chamber, the balance of this to be visited prior to April and it may or not be the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.

Discussion: None

Ayes: Mary Nedrow  
Bill Lucas  
Ron Thebeau

8. Resolution 2009-R013: Discussion and action regarding adopting Resolution 2009-R013 Call of Election.

Bill Lucas/Ron Thebeau motion to approve Resolution 2009-R013 Call of Election.

Discussion: Councilman Thebeau asked for clarification on the first resolution. Val explained that she had rewritten the resolution to include 2 council seats instead of just one plus the Mayor's seat.

Vote: Ayes: Mary Nedrow  
Bill Lucas  
Ron Thebeau

9. Economic Development Apache County: Town Manager West announced there wasn't anyone present from EDAC. He said he would catch up with Hank Rogers and have him reschedule.

10. Adjournment:

Bill Lucas/Ron Thebeau motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Vote: Ayes: Mary Nedrow  
Bill Lucas  
Ron Thebeau

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Mary Nedrow, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2009. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009

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Town Clerk